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TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: January 8, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: **JOHN BRADEMAS**
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THIRD DISTRICT, INDIANA

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

John Brademas, newly elected Democratic representative from Indiana's 3rd District, was born March 2, 1927, at Mishawaka, Indiana. He attended Harvard, was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University and holds a Ph. D. degree. Brademas served briefly in the U.S. Navy and has engaged in the insurance business. In 1955, at the age of 28, he came to Washington as an aide to Senator McNamara of Michigan and Representative Ashley of Ohio. In 1955-56, he was executive assistant to Adlai Stevenson. An assistant professor of political science at St. Mary's College at the time of his election, Brademas has been active in church work and is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and The American Legion. In his 3rd try for a Congressional seat, Brademas became the 3rd district's 1st Democratic Congressman in 10 years in the 1958 election. ("Washington Star," 12-23-58)

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Bufiles reflect that in October, 1953, information was received from [redacted] reflecting that Stephen John Brademas, American citizen and Rhodes scholar during 1950-52, had traveled in France and met one or more members of the Spanish Anarchist organizations in France and subsequently became so interested in Spanish Anarchy that he changed his plans at Oxford and undertook a doctoral thesis on the History of Spanish Anarchism. He also visited Spain during 1951 where he met other members of the Spanish Anarchist Movement. Background investigation by the Indianapolis FBI Office was favorable, and no derogatory information was uncovered by this preliminary background investigation. [redacted]

Brademas subsequently submitted a copy of his thesis to the Bureau and advised

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that [redacted] borrowed a copy of his thesis. A review of the thesis revealed it was of no current interest to the Bureau and contained only a History of Anarcho-Syndicalist Movement in Spain from 1930 -37. The thesis was returned to Brademas on 6-4-54 at which time he stated he could not furnish any information concerning the existence of an anarchist movement in the U.S. (62-100498)

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By letter dated 2-21-55, the SAC at Indianapolis advised that Brademas had been appointed to the staff of Senator Patrick V. McNamara and would serve as legislative liaison between Senator McNamara's office and Federal Agencies in Washington, D. C.; [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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